

THE BLADE'S LETTER BOX

J. A. Phelan—The Blade will carry out the suggestion you make as will shortly appear.

W. C. Daly—The Blade does not believe that any further good can be accomplished by continuing the discussion. Your purpose has been achieved by compelling the editor of the Princeton Tribune to notice you and your religious and political beliefs. As a critic he does not amount to enough to waste further space or money on.

H. S. Larchand—Your letter has been forwarded to Dr. Wilson and we have no doubt he will communicate with you on the subject.

W. C. Sappington—The matter will be looked over and everything made satisfactory to you.

Allen Johnson—Glad to hear of your splendid success and we express the hope that you will meet with a big bunch of prosperity.

Subscriber and Well Wisher—We do not think the Blade could succeed as a monthly, although even at that we are of the opinion that it would be worth the one dollar per year. If each subscriber would but send us only one new subscriber and thereby double our subscription list the Blade could be made to pay well for publishing it.

John J. Weiss—While we regret the circumstances that induced your letter, it could not be helped. It takes time to write, print, bind and mail out a book. Your subscription was sent in before the book was written, which makes it seem such a long time.

E. M. Packard—Such a decoration as you speak of, would certainly make a more rosy path for the Blade to travel.

J. P. Redman—The question of a secret society, with ritual, for Freethinkers has agitated for many years but the majority do not appear to take kindly to it.

C. L. Westmoreland—We always regret to hear of the death of a Freethinker, but even they must go as they are not impervious to the grim reaper. It would have been preferable could some one who knew Dr. Veal have prepared an obituary, but you have done well under the circumstances.

B. Grayson—Life is too short and precious to waste any of it on such persons as U. G. Wilkerson. If any woman can accept the Christian religion because of what he has written it is because they want to cheer him up and not because of anything else. The Blade, so far as we are concerned, is not a place for such nonsense as to deserve any answer. All Wilkerson is looking for, is notoriety, and a stray dollar.

James Benckhart—Thanks for the clippings. While they are not of the kind that is suitable for the Blade they are interesting to read.

Simon Baum—The "debate" you mention was not published in pamphlet form. Will see what we can do for you.

R. Marshall, M. D.—There is a great deal of truth in what you say and that is one reason why the path of Free-thought advocacy is so hard.

A. D. Stoneman—We are glad that you like the Blade so well.

S. E. Walters—Grateful acknowledgment of your interest in us.

Lillie A. Rogers—Many thanks for your kindly expressions.

Clare Smith—You are perfectly right in your propositions and the Blade proposes to adopt that policy with the first of October.

Letters From Friends.

Grows Sharper With Age.
Edu Claire, Wis.—Enclosed find \$2.30 for two Wilson's books, which I hope you will send by return mail, also \$1.00 bill for renewal of Blade, seemingly growing sharper with age.—CAPT. A. M. KENNARD.

The Path Would Be Bright.
Packwood, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1906—My yearly pay roll for the Blade is nearly due, and I will remit you \$1.50 as a starter on the new price suggested for the Blade for one year. Hoping the \$1.50 may be a success and the crooked path of the Blade be decorated with thousands of new \$1.50 subscribers, I remain—E. M. PACKWOOD.

The Blade And The Rome Book.
Lyncause, Nebraska—Enclosed find a Post-Office order for \$1.50 for the Blade paid to October 1, 1907. I received the book, Dr. Wilson's Trip to Rome. It is an excellent book.—G. HESSLER.

Lost Confidence in Bryan.
Center Post, Nebraska—The Rome Book just received today, expect to read it with interest later, as I always like the Doctor's writing. I read all of Bryan's letters, while he was away, and like almost all, he seems to tell what some god had done. I lost confidence in Bryan through his letters. I would not vote for him or Roosevelt under any circumstances. You have my best wishes, and I do think you will win yet, that is, make the Blade a success.—H. C. GORDON.

Wasn't it too Cheap?
Audubon, Iowa—I notice the date on

the Blade has not been changed. It reads August 10, 1906, should be August 6, 1907. You have requested the views of subscribers regarding the additional 50 cents for the Blade, I endorse Mrs. A. G. McGowan's which are my views. I have been a reader of the Blade for several years and have always paid \$1.50 a year in advance (cheerfully).—JAMES LEE.

Speaks a Secret Order.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 16—Speaking of organized crime, I am heartily in favor of it. I favor it with ritual and all the paraphernalia of the best regulated lodge. I am in favor of it and we will try to make it without that August personage. I am in favor of both ladies and gentlemen taking the same obligations and making the same affirmation instead of an oath. The churches take a babe, but I think it should belong to the order until they have attained the age of accountability. I favor an appropriate Pin or button, for instance, the "F. of A." Freethinkers of America and that to each one of them initiation fees and entering the order will be presented with pin or button. And now, I say, without fear of contradiction, that no organization will be together so well as a secret organization. Then after this is accomplished, we will have our Sunday Schools to free the minds of our children from orthodox superstition. I am now in the north and forever with the "F. of A."—J. P. REDMAN.

Enclosed Find Order.

Cowan, Indiana—Enclosed find order for two dollars for receipt of subscriptions of Dr. J. B. Marshall, Cowan, Ind., and Thomas Marshall, Selma, Indiana.

These renewals were due sometime ago, and have simply been neglected, and I renew now specially to catch the dollar rate, as to the raise to \$1.50, I don't quite know. Freethought people are very independent and self-reliant, and although the paper should command the price, they read it, mainly for particular reasons feeling that since it costs little, they will take and read it, but it costs anything worth noting they can do without it. And so will let it go. The way is undoubtedly beset with difficulties. It takes so much to run such an establishment. Many of those who like to read the Blade, as I observe, are poor and have to deny themselves on some hands to spare even the pittance that the Blade costs, so that instead of advising either this course for that, I merely refer to well understood difficulties. As to the matter of organization, in a large measure, the same difficulties beset action there, every Freethinker relies upon himself and thinks for himself and pays nobody to think for him, and there being no financial inducement, Freethinkers cannot maintain an interest. The terrors of hell on the one hand, and the glories of heaven on the other are sufficient inducements for the people. Many clean hands respectability, easy life and women are the pay of the priesthood. Freethinkers can not meet those conditions.—R. MARSHALL, M. D.

Must Have The Blade

Quaketon, Iowa—When I sent for the Blade, ordering it for three months, I had no idea I would like it as well as I do. The more I read it the better I like it. I get as hungry to read it as I do to eat a good meal when I get hungry. You have been very kind to send it the length of time you have for the three months in long past. The speech of Harriet M. Closs in last week's issue "The Rights of Woman," is just fine. She is a lover of Bob Ingersoll, and so am I. Everything he said of what I have had a chance to read was just fine, especially his lecture on the liberty to man, woman and child. I only wish I was able to buy all his works. Could you tell me just about what the cost would be for all of them. Enclosed find P. O. Order for \$1.00 to add on my subscription. Please send me a list of the different publications on Freethought, etc., that you may have, also a few different copies of them that you may not want and would relegate them to the waste basket, I am ever yours to help in the good cause.—A. D. STONEMAN.

Long Live The Blade

Winterest, Iowa—Blue Grass Blade—Enclosed please find \$1.00 for Blade from March 06, to March 07. Pardon delay as circumstances which I could not help prevented sending same sooner. Please do not stop the Blade. I will try and renew before the time expires, for in the Blade I find much of interest and hope you will be able to continue. I am now reading the Rome book by Wilson and find it very interesting reading. hope many will read it. I think it will be a great revelation to others as well as myself while I think the church is a help to many others it is a hindrance for some believe everything that the preacher says while others listen and then scratch for the truth of the matter. Long live the Blade.—LILLIE A. ROGERS.

Some Missing Blade Features.

Landis, N. C.—You will find enclosed express money order for one dollar, for which please shove the date on my tab one year forward, and continue sending the Good Old Blade, which we think is splendid, thought I will say that the feature of the Blade most missed since the

death of the late editor are those editorial comments, which were doubtless too caustic at times, but as a whole they far more often hit than missed the point. While writing, I will say a few words about Freethinkers organizing, in my opinion, it is by far the most important feature in the Freethought world as there are thousands of Freethinkers that are situated as the writer, surrounded on all sides by jealous fanatical religionists who are ever ready to seize upon the first opportunity to bring about our downfall.

While I believe Freethinkers as a class are the equals in morality, truthfulness, honesty, and sobriety of any class of people in the world. I claim with all this, they are not yet perfect, and in case one should make a mistake where is the justice in pouncing on him as though he were a beast. Now friends with the Freethinkers thoroughly organized they could demand and would receive respect at the bar of justice (so-called) at least Freethinkers do you know that in this state, North Carolina, in lots of localities a Freethinker is not allowed to express his honest opinion on matters religiously without being threatened with prosecution for blasphemy? Why only recently in a neighboring town a friend of mine and yours was threatened with prosecution for refusing to sanction the idea of the San Francisco disaster as being the work of the merciful Jehovah, he was made to hush up or be prosecuted for blasphemy (whatever that means), and mind you he did not say much as he is no great talker. Now I feel confident that if Freethinkers were organized such would not be the case, if we were organized, we would be able to attract to our ranks who are now standing neutral as it were not having the courage to come out and stand alone as it were and take the risk of being jeered and jostled by the followers of the meek and lowly. Who is alleged to have taught them to love their enemies. Brother Freethinkers let me tell you, it takes courage to be an outspoken Freethinker in this neck of the woods.

The writer has a hard road to travel having been cowardly discriminated against in business and labor matters ostracized by society and near relatives to an almost intolerable degree. I repeat it is such cases as mine which can see the necessity of organization. I will say that my path has been one that sure was not very thickly strewn with roses, and that I have been able to hold my own in the face of all these adverse circumstances and surrounding can be accounted for in this way only. I have adhered to a rigid and unflinching honesty all the year round in season and out, always contending for the right as I saw it. Freethinkers organize by all means, organize.—J. A. CORRIHER.

A Very Sensible Letter

Cochran, Ohio—Enclosed find \$3.30 for which please send Dog Fennel in the Orient, Dr. Wilson's Rome Book and also extend my subscription to the Blade another year.

We voice the words of S. D. Kimberly when he says the Blade would have much less cause for complaint if subscriptions were stopped promptly upon date of expiration.

With all honor to our editor, we do not consider any periodical exactly "straight" in its business affairs, that continues to send its paper after the time paid for has expired.

Subscription to any paper is a business contract. We agree to pay the price of that publication for a certain length of time and the publishers agree to send it to you for that length of time. When that time has expired, both parties are free from any obligation to each other. It is generally supposed back subscription can be collected by law, but such is not the case as any good lawyer will tell us. We are very sorry to know there are so many delinquents and hope all such subscribers will come promptly to the front and pay up or else have their names taken off the mailing list. The Blade advocates too good a cause to be thus neglected. Aside from this never stop idea, it grows better with every issue. Long may it live and long live its efficient editor.—CLARE SMITH.

Sends Three Renewals.

Adobe Wells, Texas—I send you P. O. Order for three renewals one for Whittemburg, Plemons, Texas (look on mailing list), one to my address Adobe Wells, and one to Jim Schofield, Adobe Wells, Texas. I am renewing without their knowledge, and if they have already renewed, place to my credit. I like the Blade under your management and hope the Liberals will make it self-sustaining. Send me Dr. Wilson's Rome book.—S. E. WATTERS.

But it's the World's Way

San Antonio, Texas—Enclosed find two dollars and please let me know how I and the Blade stand. Not long ago I read an account where one of the readers of the Blade says "as long as Mr. Moore was dead you should discontinue his paper." I think that is a shame. Just the more reason why he ought to do more for you and for Mr. Moore to keep the name alive, especially when you try to make even a better paper. As regards the advance of the paper, I, for myself, to willingly pay the advance, as there are many papers published not as good for the advancement of the public welfare, and cost more. If not asking to

much of you, could you possibly send me, in pamphlet form, the discussion between that Preacher and Moses Kaufman, date of September 16th, I mean the date of your paper.—SIMON BAUM.

Price Ought to be Higher

St. Paul, Minn.—I am well pleased that you have raised the price of the Blade. I think the price should be high. Now that you have raised the price, see that the paper is paid for in advance. Cut off all the delinquents you are carrying. If it is worth reading it surely is worth paying for. The September 16th issue has a beautiful picture of my church. I would like you to turn your weather eye in that direction, and write about it and its teachings. I will add as to organization, all Freethinkers should join the Church of Humanity and then we could incorporate and be a power. The Church of Humanity fills the requirements in every respect.—W. W. WILSON.

Death of a Freethinker.

Royston, Ga.—I regret to inform you that another good Freethought brother has passed over the river of death. Dr. J. D. Veal of Ryston, Ga. He leaves a wife, Daughter and two sons. He was about 55 years old, a good practicing physician and a good hearted humanitarian. His sympathy was always for the suffering and distressed. He had been a member of the Baptist or Methodist church, I don't know which, but he had quit the church several years ago and was a confirmed infidel and out spoken in any crowd of saints or sinners. His neighbors have lost a friend, for he was a friend in need. I hoped to get some one to write his obituary, but could not, so I scribble this in honor to him. Peace to his ashes. He died about the first of May 1906. You may stop his paper as his folks don't read it.—C. L. WESTMORELAND.

Wants an Argument.

Oscar I. T.—I have mailed to you a little book, "Infidelity Against Itself." It is gotten up by U. G. Wilkinson the preacher whom Moore held his debate with at Ryan, two years ago.

I would like for you to reply to it in the Blade, or if you think it worth answering, to get Dr. J. B. Wilson to reply to it in the Blade and send Wilkinson a copy, and then publish it in book form and we will scatter them all over this country.

This book is having some effect in this country. What he said about Thomas Paine and others ought to be answered, and I think some of you old fellows should answer this book, you might after you and Wilson get through with it send it to Remsburg and get him to reply to it. Please look after this book and give it hell.—N. B. GRAYSON.

WARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF IOWA

Some Pertinent Observations on the Methodist Conference Recently Held At Des Moines.

(By E. D. NAUMAN).

The daily papers of yesterday brought us the reports of the Des Moines Methodist Conference just held. In it we find the statement that this one Conference embracing only a fraction of the state, has untaxed church property to the value of over two million dollars. But the gentlemen of the cloth are not satisfied with this ever growing injustice and inquiry. O, no, not they! They want to dictate our laws also. Listen to some of their resolutions.

"We recommend it as our deliberate judgment that the use of the Sabbath day under any pretext whatever, for financial gain by any organization, assembly, Chautauqua or camp meeting or any other association, merits our unqualified disapproval."

See how well that covers everything but the preacher. He will be open of course and for "financial gain," too. But listen to them further:

"We commend the action of the Des Moines ministerial union in endeavoring to secure the passage of a bill through the last legislature prohibiting Sunday theaters and we respectfully petition the next legislative assembly to enact such legislation as will close Sunday theaters, forbid Sunday base ball, reduce Sunday labor to the minimum and restore to the people a Sabbath of quietness, rest and worship."

There we have it; the sleek and well fed gentlemen of the cloth simply want every one bound and gagged, for purposes of plunder for themselves, one day out of seven. We now have a Sunday law that is a disgrace to a civilized people, but in addition as above intimated the forces of reaction had a stringent measure against Sunday amusements and base ball passed by the senate, then as the measure was on its way to the house, such an uproar was raised by the base ball leagues and others that the senate concluded to reconsider and voted to withdraw the measure. In the meantime the forces of superstition patched up another bill of the same general character and had it introduced in the house where it passed at once, the representatives being like a lot of sheep in charge of their shepherds, the preacher lobbyists. But before this measure reached the

senate the legislature fortunately adjourned so the evil day of possible puritanical legislation was put off a year. The partial success has however given them courage hence their early start this year.

The report above quoted from further relates how the conference selected a committee of their ablest preachers to attend the legislature next winter and lobby for the passage of a more puritanical measure even than that which they came so near passing last year. Other conferences will no doubt, follow suit at once, appoint their preachers lobbyists, adopt resolutions, etc. Then will come other denominations, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavors, Y. M. C. A.'s, etc. ad nauseum, until there will be a swarm of clerical meddlers and lobbyists riding on half fare tickets to Des Moines like a flock of buzzards about the carrion in the fields.

Fellow Liberals how do you like the prospect? Not very well, I suppose. Now let me make a suggestion or two. We can not and must not lie down and let this diabolical work be carried out. We will have no assistance in this fight excepting from those directly interested such as managers of places of amusement where Sunday entertainments are given, and base ball leagues. These will assist because of their financial interest. Then there are a few congregations of Seventh day Adventists in the state who will help in the fight, because their own superstition in this respect does not run parallel to that of other denominations, so they are able to see perfectly clear on the subject of Sabbath legislation and are our best allies in this fight. But the main responsibility for defeating this proposed iniquity will fall on us.

In order to do this, first, let us divert ourselves of all party affiliations and prejudices so far as candidates for the Legislature are concerned. Carefully investigate the record and church allegiances of each candidate. Vote for those most likely to withstand the threats and machinations of the horde of preachers that will be there. In some places where conventions have not been held yet something may be done to nominate the right man. Second, when the legislature meets next winter, let us each and every one get up petitions against Sunday legislation of any kind. It does not matter about the wording, any one can write a petition. Every locality has plenty of the best people who are against the Sunday laws of every kind and no trouble will be had in getting plenty of signers. All it needs is some one to set the ball rolling. And let me say the ladies can do very much in this. I have found them to be the best hands in filling up petitions for Freethought and humanitarian subjects. While they are not allowed to vote they can do more in this way. When the time comes let us pile in the petitions against Sunday laws both to the house and senate from every county. Other methods will suggest themselves. We can defeat this proposed iniquity. By all means let no opportunity escape to give it a black eye. None of these laws are ever repealed if they are once enacted. How would you like the idea of your children and grandchildren being hawked up and fined every time they show their heads out of doors on Sunday, except to go to church.

LEXINGTON & EASTERN

Time Table

Departure	a. m.	p. m.
No. 4.	No. 2.	
Lexington, Ky.	7:35	2:25
Montrose, Ky.	7:45	2:40
Avon, Ky.	7:53	2:50
Wyandotte, Ky.	8:00	2:57
Winchester, Ky.	8:12	3:10
L. & E. Jet, Ky.	8:24	3:25
Indian Fields, Ky.	8:42	3:40
Shawnee, Ky.	8:53	3:53
Clay City, Ky.	9:00	4:00
Stanton, Ky.	9:08	4:10
Roslyn, Ky.	9:13	4:20
Filson, Ky.	9:20	4:26
Lombard, Ky.	9:25	4:30
Dundee, Ky.	9:31	4:37
Campton Jet, Ky.	9:35	4:40
Natural Bridge, Ky.	9:40	4:40
Glencairn Ky.	9:43	4:48
Torrent, Ky.	9:53	4:57
Fincastrle, Ky.	10:05	5:10
Beattyville, Jet., Ky.	10:14	5:18

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Tallega, Ky.	*10:32	5:37
Athol, Ky.	*10:40	5:45
Oakdale, Ky.	*10:48	5:50
Elkataka, Ky.	*11:05	6:02
O. & K. Junction, Ky.	*11:10	6:05
Jackson, Ky.	*11:15	6:10

Arrival

	a. m.	p. m.
Lexington, Kentucky	9:55	*6:05
Montrose, Kentucky	9:43	*5:50
Avon, Kentucky	9:34	*5:40
Wyandotte, Kentucky	9:25	*5:33
Winchester, Kentucky	9:10	*5:20
L. & E. June, Kentucky	8:58	*5:30
Indian Fields, Kentucky	8:42	*4:50
Shawnee, Kentucky	8:30	*4:37
Clay City, Kentucky	8:25	*4:34
Stanton, Kentucky	8:15	*4:25
Roslyn, Kentucky	8:10	*4:20
Filson, Kentucky	8:04	*4:14
Lombard, Kentucky	7:50	*4:09
Dundee, Kentucky	7:54	*4:03
Campton June, Kentucky	7:50	*3:57
Natural Bridge, Kentucky	7:45	*3:55
Glencairn, Kentucky	7:40	*3:50
Torrent, Kentucky	7:30	*3:42
Fincastrle, Kentucky	7:15	*3:23
Beattyville Jet., Kentucky	7:07	*3:20
St. Helens, Kentucky	6:59	*3:12
Tallega, Kentucky	6:49	*3:01
Athol, Kentucky	6:40	*2:53
Oakdale, Kentucky	6:33	*2:45
Elkataka, Kentucky	6:20	*2:34
O. & K. Jet., Kentucky	6:15	*2:30
Jackson, Kentucky	6:10	*2:25

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